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BRIT! AND YOU MUST BE JESSICA! COME RIGHT IN, MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME. THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING.

NO TROUBLE, WE'RE HAPPY TO GET AWAY FROM BRIT JUNIOR FOR AN EVENING.

AND DOING ANYTHING THAT'S NOT SEEING SOME DUMB ACTION MOVIE IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE. THIS IS ALREADY THE BEST DATE WE'VE BEEN ON IN A WHILE.

AND CONGRATS ON THE GALLERY SHOWING... I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY!

AND WHO'S THIS LOVELY LADY?

THIS IS OUTRUN, OUR NEW RECRUIT FROM SOUTH AFRICA. OUTRUN, THIS IS ZANDALE RANDOLPH, BETTER KNOWN AS BULLETPROOF, AND HIS GIRLFRIEND... CARLA, WAS IT?

CHARMED, ZANDALE.

BRIT! HEY! CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND?

OH, WHAT NOW? I'M TAKING THE NIGHT OFF, DON'T TELL ME THIS IS WORK RELATED.

WE MIGHT HAVE A BIT OF A SITUATION.

YOU KNOW HOW WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THIS FUNCTION WOULD BE A GOOD WAY FOR OUTRUN AND EL CHUPACABRA TO MEET EVERYONE IN A CASUAL SETTING...

WE HADN'T SEEN THE KIND OF PHOTOGRAPHY THAT BULLETPROOF DOES...

HONESTLY, DONALD, YOU NEED TO SACK UP. IT'S JUST AN ART SHOW. WHAT COULD BE SO--

OH.

WOW.

ZANDALE IS A LUCKY MAN.

NO COMMENT.

I LIKE LOOKING AT HUMAN LADY PARTS.

EH...

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, FRANCISCO?

I NEED ANOTHER DRINK.

NO, YOU DON'T. TRUST ME.

OOH, WHAT'S EVEN GOING ON IN THIS ONE? IS--IS HE... HURTING HER?

EITHER WAY, MATE. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE QUITE ENJOYS IT.

OUTRUN, I AM SO SORRY. THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE WORST POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION TO THE TEAM FOR YOU. ZANDALE'S A GREAT GUY, I HAD NO IDEA THE PHOTOGRAPHY WAS GOING TO BE ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

LIKE WHAT? SO PASSIONATE AND INVIGORATING? SO FULL OF UNREPENTANT EROS?

I'M GOING TO *BUY* ONE.

AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN UTAH.

THE SECRET MOUNTAIN BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.

WOOSH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER THERE, CHAP? LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A BIT OF A TIME.

OH, UH, NO--I'M FINE. REALLY. NOT SAD OR ANYTHING. YOU'RE OUTRUN, RIGHT? FIGURED YOU'D STILL BE AT BULLETPROOF'S SHOW.

GOT BORED FOR A SECOND, WANTED TO RUN OVER AND CHECK OUT THE CENTRAL BASE--I'LL GO BACK OVER IN A BIT.

THEY NOT LET YOU GO? BECAUSE OF YOUR LOOKS? THAT'S HARD--GUESS IT WOULD KEEP THE REST OF THEM FROM GOING OUT IN THEIR CIVILIAN IDENTITIES IF YOU WERE THERE.

THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT CHEER UP--YOU'RE TOO LOVABLE TO BE SAD.

BE SEEING YOU--

WOOSH!

BUT THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL...

...I MISS MY FAMILY.

THE OCEAN FLOOR. CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SECRET ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE ORDER.

I KNEW THIS WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

YOU WERE JUST WAITING FOR THE PERFECT MOMENT TO STRIKE!

CHOOM!

HOW THEY WOULD LET YOU REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE ORDER AFTER THE INSULTS YOU'VE DEALT ME IS UNFATHOMABLE!

DEATH IS TOO GOOD FOR YOU!

MIGHT WANT TO GO BACK INTO YOUR BODY, OLD MAN--YOUR BODYGUARD IS DOING A PISS POOR JOB OF PROTECTING IT!

ENOUGH!!

KROOM!

I WILL NOT TOLERATE INFIGHTING WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION.

CONTINUE THIS AT THE RISK OF YOUR LIVES.

IF I AM TO WORK WITH THIS CLOWN, I *DEMAND* COMPENSATION--I DEMAND A PORTION OF HIS TERRITORY IN RETURN FOR THE SHAME HE'S DEALT ME.

THIS ONE IS A LOOSE CANNON, HE--

DEMAND?! DO YOU REALLY FEEL YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE DEMANDS OF ME?!

TITAN GOT INTO THIS ORGANIZATION BY TAKING OVER MACHINE HEAD'S TERRITORY--AND YET, MACHINE HEAD IS NOT THE ONE CAUSING TROUBLE.

ARE YOU AWARE THAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR TERRITORY TO GIVE MACHINE HEAD? DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING TO YOU?

Y--YES, SET--I UNDERSTAND.

GOOD. I'VE CALLED A MEETING. THE HEADS OF ALL THE TERRITORIES WILL BE HERE SOON.

I EXPECT YOU *BOTH* TO BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, BRIT? STATELY ENOUGH FOR YOU?

IT'S GOT A GOOD VIEW, THAT'S FOR SURE--BUT, UH...

YOU DON'T THINK THIS SPOT IS A LITTLE CONSPICUOUS FOR A SECRET BASE?

WELL, YOU KNOW. HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT AND ALL THAT. THAT'S KIND OF THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND ALL OF THE PLANNED SATELLITE BASES AROUND THE WORLD.

I'M STILL IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT TO SEE IF WE CAN HOLLOW OUT THE SPHINX AND PUT A JET HANGAR IN THERE.

HAH! I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF YOU'RE KIDDING. YOU'D REALLY DO IT, WOULDN'T YOU?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M NOT KIDDING ABOUT--IF YOU THINK PEOPLE MIGHT NOTICE US HERE, WAIT UNTIL THEY SEE WHAT WE'RE BUILDING ON THE MOON.

THE MOON? HOLY CRAP, CECIL, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT--YOU HAVEN'T LOST ANY OF YOUR EDGE IN YOUR LATER YEARS.

THE WAY THE WORLD IS NOW, OLD FRIEND, IT NEEDS SOMEONE WITH AN EDGE.

ALL THESE CHANGES WE'VE BEEN MAKING--EXPANDING THE TEAM, BUILDING BASES AROUND THE WORLD--I THINK WE'RE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT I FEEL LIKE WE'RE STILL ONE STEP BEHIND.

JEEZ, YOU'RE TELLING ME. WE'D PROBABLY HAVE BETTER LUCK TAKING DOWN THE WOULD-BE WORLD CONQUERORS IF WE DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP AND BEAT UP GIANT MONSTERS IN BETWEEN.

I THINK I SPENT MORE TIME WITH OCTOBOSS THIS WEEK THAN I DID WITH THE WIFE AND KID.

HOW ARE JESSICA AND BRIT JUNIOR, ANYWAY?

WAY BETTER SINCE WE FOUND OUT JUNIOR INHERITED MY POWERS. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW FREEING IT IS TO UN-BABYPROOF A HOUSE?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, OLD MAN? YOU EVER GOING TO SETTLE DOWN AND GIVE US CECIL: THE NEXT GENERATION?

I MEAN, YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF SPECIAL LADY IN YOUR LIFE, RIGHT? SURELY THERE'S SOMEONE YOU'RE RUNNING OFF TO ALL THOSE TIMES YOU DISAPPEAR UNANNOUNCED.

WELL, NOT THAT IT'S--WAIT, HOLD IT.

BRIT--YOU'RE NEEDED.

UPSTATE NEW YORK.

SHOOK!

ARGGGGH!

HEADS UP! REINFORCEMENTS ARE ON THEIR WAY!

OH, THANK GOD.

I TAKE IT YOU'RE THAT GUY, WOLF-MAN. SEEN YOU ON THE NEWS.

GOOD GUESS.

=KOFF!=

PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE CECIL'S GUYS.

GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE, YEAH. WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

HEY, IF WE ALL JUMPED OUT, WHO THE HELL IS FLYING THE PLANE?

I THINK THERE IS AN AUTOMATIC PILOT THAT TAKES THE PLANE TO OUR NEAREST BASE IF EVERYONE GETS OUT WHILE IT IS FLYING.

THAT'S GREAT. IT IS COMING BACK TO GET US, RIGHT?

THESE NASTY CREATURES ARE THE REANIMATED BITS OF A MUCH LARGER CREATURE I BUSTED UP NAMED GORGG.*

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THESE ARE THE SMALLER VERSION, BUT THEY'RE NO JOKE. THEY TOOK DOWN A CAPES TEAM BACK IN THE CITY, AND THEY FOUGHT MY PLATOON OF WEREWOLVES TO A STANDSTILL.

WE'D STILL BE FIGHTING, BUT-- AS YOU CAN SEE--THE SUN CAME UP AND CHANGED ALL MY MEN BACK TO HUMAN FORM. THE ONLY REASON I CAN KEEP THIS FORM RIGHT NOW IS THE RESIDUAL LUNAR ENERGY STORED IN MY GAUNTLETS. AND THAT WON'T LAST LONG...

*SEE THE ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN: VOLUME 4 FOR DETAILS.

ANY IDEA WHERE THEY CAME FROM?

YEAH. A CRIMINAL LUNATIC CALLED THE FACE RAISED THE ORIGINAL MONSTER FROM HIS PRISON UNDER STONEHENGE WITH SOME KIND OF CEREMONY.

GORGG ROSE UP AND MADE HIS WAY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN ORDER TO GET REVENGE ON THE DESCENDANTS OF THE FOLKS WHO TRAPPED HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW. LET'S GO KNOCK SOME HEADS AND GET YOUR MEN OUT OF THERE!

CRAP! YOU WEREN'T KIDDING! THESE THINGS ARE FAST!

WRAMM!

KRAKK!

NEED A HAND, SAMSON?

TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.

HAD SOME BUSINESS WITH CECIL OVERSEAS. GOT HERE AS FAST AS I COULD. DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I MISSED ANYTHING TOO FUN, THOUGH.

LET'S SEE HOW MANY LICKS IT TAKES TO GET TO THE CENTER OF THIS TOOTSIE POP!

Ka-BOOM!

Ka-BOOM!

Ka-BOOM!

NICE SHOOTING, TEX. WHAT IS THAT, TELEKINESIS?

YEAH, SPOT ON. LOW GRADE, BUT I FIND A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY.

YOU DIDN'T THINK I JUST CHUCKED THOSE THINGS AND CROSSED MY FINGERS, DID YOU? THEY'RE BLOODY BOMBS!

KRSSSHHH!

OH, GOD! WE'RE DEAD!

HELLO THERE. WHAT SAY WE GET YOU LOT SOMEWHERE SAFER, EH?

HOW DOES *IOWA* STRIKE YOU?

HEY, GUYS! I THINK I HAVE GOT ONE ON THE ROPES!

NICE!

ONE DOWN, ONLY FIVE OR SO TO GO-- RIGHT, GUYS?

WHOA!

KRAKA-DOOM!

THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...

HUMANS! PREPARE TO MEET ANNIHILATION AT THE HANDS OF GORGG!

BEHOLD! GORGG, WHOLE AGAIN!

AW, CRAP.

THIS IS NO GOOD. THIS IS HOW HE WAS WHEN HE FIRST ROSE UP AND I BEAT HIM BACK IN THE CITY-- WHICH, IN RETROSPECT, WAS PROBABLY MORE *LUCK* THAN SKILL.

I JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS, GUYS. WE'RE GOING TO NEED A MORE LASTING SOLUTION THAN JUST PUNCHING HIM AND HOPING HE FALLS APART.

YOU LET US KNOW WHEN YOU COME UP WITH SOMETHING. IN THE MEANTIME, BREAKING HIM INTO SMALLER PIECES SEEMS GOOD FOR THE SHORT TERM.

SLAM!

SAMSON! HOLD ON!

HUMANS! YOUR ONLY OPTION IS DEATH! YOU ARE INSIGNIFICANT IN THE PRESENCE OF GORGG!

LIKE ANTS! LITTLE MORE!

KRUNK

DAMMIT! HE CRUSHED MY STUPID JET GLOVE!

MY GOD. THIS IS AN UNMITIGATED *DISASTER.*

BRIT!

HEY!

AH! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

THE MIDWEST, DROPPING OFF SOME OF YOUR MEN. YOU SAID THIS THING WAS FREED FROM SOME KIND OF IMPRISONMENT, RIGHT? HOW'D YOU DO THAT?

WE MOVED SOME OF THE STONES IN THE STONEHENGE MONUMENT--

HAH! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO *BEFORE?*

CECIL!

OUTRUN, WHERE ARE YOU? GPS SHOWS YOU WAY OFF-SITE!

I'M EN ROUTE TO THE SALISBURY PLAIN. I THINK I'VE FIGURED OUT HOW TO STOP GORGG PERMANENTLY.

SALISBURY--? THE STONEHENGE SITE?

THAT'S THE ONE! MEET ME THERE, AND BRING A COUPLE OF THOSE BIG, BURLY FELLAS FROM THE TEAM, WOULD YOU?

GOD, MY HEAD. HOW MUCH DID I DRINK LAST NIGHT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I SLEPT THROUGH THE DAMN ACTION ALERT.

OUTRUN! WE'RE HERE AS YOU ASKED-- NOW WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

ACCORDING TO WOLF-MAN, THE WAY GORGG WAS REANIMATED IN THE FIRST PLACE IS THAT SOME BLOKE CALLED THE FACE MOVED THESE TWO STONES, SETTING GORGG FREE FROM CENTURIES OF IMPRISONMENT.

GOOD WORK, OUTRUN. YETI, BULLETPROOF-- YOU PICK UP THESE STONES AND I'LL RECONFIGURE THE PORTAL TO OPEN UP ON THE GORGG SITE.

I TELL YOU, CHIEF, THIS ISN'T HELPING MY HANGOVER AT ALL.

WELL, I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED SOMETHING.

SO YOU THINK IF WE PUT THESE STONES BACK IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONFIGURATION, WHATEVER SPELL WAS TRAPPING GORGG IN THE FIRST PLACE WILL GO BACK INTO EFFECT.

IT'S THE BEST THEORY WE'VE GOT AT THE MOMENT, AND DEFINITELY WORTH A SHOT.

INSOLENT CUR! GORGG WILL--

EH?

PLAY TIME IS OVER, MONSTER! NOW IT IS TIME FOR YOUR NAP!

NO!

NO! YOU SEEK TO IMPRISON ME AGAIN! BUT GORGG IS INVINCIBLE! GORGG WILL NOT BE VANQUISHED!

SWAK!

BROTHER, YOU PICKED THE WRONG TIME TO MESS WITH ME. I'VE GOT A KILLER HEADACHE--

--LET'S SEE IF I CAN'T RETURN THE FAVOR!

NOOOOOO! NEVER AGAI--

KRAKA-DOOM!

NOOO!

KA-DOOOOM!!!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IS THAT IT'S ALL *OVER* NOW.

OVER FOR YOU, MAYBE. YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN THIS TO THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.

THE OCEAN FLOOR. CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SECRET ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS **THE ORDER.**

I'VE HEARD IT SAID, EVERYONE IS THE HERO OF THEIR OWN STORY.

THE THOUGHT IS THAT EVEN THE MOST VILE VILLAIN BELIEVES HIS ACTIONS TO BE RIGHT AND THINKS OF HIMSELF AS "GOOD."

I AM HERE TO TELL YOU, RIGHT NOW, THAT I AM ***EVIL.***

I AM GREEDY, SELFISH, I DO NOT CARE FOR THE PLIGHT OF OTHERS. THE CITIZEN WALKS AMONG US BUT HE IS NOT ONE OF US. HE GOES ABOUT HIS DAILY LIFE UNAWARE OF THE DANGERS THAT SURROUND HIM.

THE DANGERS PEOPLE LIKE ***US*** BRING TO HIS DOORSTEP.

WE ARE BETTER THAN THE CITIZEN. WE ARE AWARE OF THE EVILS OF THE WORLD AND WE ***CELEBRATE*** THEM... ***PROFIT*** FROM THEM.

MONEY AND ***POWER.*** THAT IS OUR DESIRE.

THAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF ***THE ORDER...*** THAT IS WHAT BRINGS US TOGETHER.

I LOOK BEFORE ME, AND I SEE A POWER THE WORLD HAS NOT YET EXPERIENCED.

A POWER THAT COULD BRING ABOUT THE END OF ALL THINGS.

MISTER LIU, HEAD OF OUR ASIAN TERRITORIES.

TITAN FROM NEW YORK CITY.

EMBRACE, WHO MANAGES ALL OF THE MIDDLE EAST FROM HER STRONGHOLD IN ISRAEL.

THE WALKING DREAD, CONTROLLING EASTERN EUROPE'S CRIME SYNDICATES FROM POLAND.

MACHINE HEAD, NOW BASED IN LOS ANGELES AFTER NEGOTIATING A TRUCE WITH TITAN, WHO TOOK OVER HIS TERRITORY IN NEW YORK.

THE FACE IN COMMAND OF CANADA, AND EXPANDING HIS INFLUENCE INTO THE NORTH WESTERN UNITED STATES.

INSOMNIAC, KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON OUR DEALINGS IN EGYPT AND NORTHERN AFRICA.

RED EYE, OF BRAZIL, HEAD OF ALL CRIME IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT.

WAR WOMAN, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER THE ISLE OF AMAZONIA WHICH HAS BECOME A USEFUL STAGING GROUND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

SLAYING MANTIS, OUR MAN IN IRELAND.

AND OCTOBOSS, WHO WILL BE EXPANDING THE ORDER'S REACH INTO THIS PLANET'S OCEANS.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL. RETURN TO YOUR REGIONS, CARRY OUT MY ORDERS... SHAKE THE VERY CORE OF THIS GLOBE.

IT IS TIME, MY MINIONS...

...LET'S TAKE SOME LIVES.

GUARDING THE GLOBE

WRITE US AT: INVINCIBLE@FUNKOTRON.COM

Welcome to the second (of ever-growing) Guarding the Globe letters column!

Editor Sina Grace here, happy to share this awesome third issue. As the Guardians build their new team, so does our creative team. We've had a handful of awesome inkers lend their willing hands to make Ransom Getty look extra awesome, but we've now got our full-time guy: Russell Jackson. Our team is complete! I want action figures!

Friggin' Cliff Rathburn not having the time to continue on this series! Boo I say! I mean, I like his toning work on The Walking Dead as much as the next guy -- and true, I am looking forward to the next REAPER one-shot that he's working on... but still, we were in a pinch when he ditched us. Luckily, Jonathan Glapion, who inks Capullo over on HAUNT, another series I write, was willing to pitch in for a while until Russell came along.

I gotta say, Russell is a pretty damn amazing inker, so I'm really glad to have you on board, Russell! Welcome aboard this here boat. -Robert Kirkman

It's been a hot minute since our last lettercol, so a number of you had have time to think long and hard about the events leading up to issue three. Without further ado...

Gentleman,

Ooh, singular! He must be referring to me! (Although he's probably referring to the gentle-manliest of us all, Benito Cereno)

I came into the Invincible/ Guardians game really late in the game (summer 2010). In less than 2 months I fell in love with the Guardians of the Globe. Issue 2 was great, Yeti and Kaboomerang have already become my favorites in just two issues, but don't worry: Brit and Bulletproof still get the love. I don't think I have both laughed and enjoyed a book like this in months. You got another fan of this book and please, more of the Obama back ups. They are great.

Ryan

Let's take a moment and just give Chris Giarrusso some love. That man has literally changed my entire day on multiple occasions when he turns in those Guarding Gags. My favorite is b&w Rick Grimes.

Dear Kirkman, Cereno, and Mr. Sina Grace

I have a lot to say, so I'll try to keep this short and sweet. GTG #2 was awesome (overused word that needs to be replaced) El Chupacabra is...not awesome, but tengo el gato en mis pantalones. At the end with the panel of villains, the one in the white suit reminded me of those Cobra B.A.T.S. from GI JOE. The one in the green reminded me of Legion from the X-Men. Yeti IS cool, but I thought he was Russian? "Dude" is used by Russians, huh.

Wait, you don't like El Chupacabra? How is that possible?!

This was a great Wednesday, let me tell you: Haunt, TWD, GTG (I'm the only one who uses that acronym huh?) I have started reading Astounding Wolf-Man. It's not awesome, it's... Astounding. I am also going to buy Capes inc., Brit, and Invincible TPBs to get caught up. I'll also have you know that I am buying all the back issues of Savage Dragon currently so I'm hopin' to get that big ten cent raise at Wendy's (fingers crossed!) Q time:

1.) Are there any other comics that are in the Invincible continuity that I missed?

Make sure you're reading all of the Invincible mini-series: Invincible Presents Atom Eve & Rex Splode. Make sure you're seeking out the Science Dog one-shots (yeah!), and definitely grab the SuperPatriot collection out this month! No collection is complete without Robert & Cory doing Erik's creation justice.

And lastly, but not leastly: TECH JACKET!

CAPES! Did we forget to mention CAPES? And also, BRIT has had his own series, there are three volumes of trade paperbacks about him!

2.) Is Haunt and Spawn included in this "universe"? It doesnt seem like they are.

Uhmmm... no? I mean, Spawn and Invincible have met, but Robert help me out: their universes aren't completely linked, right?

Not really. Kind of, it's best not to think about it. If Haunt showed up, sure.... they certainly COULD be, but it'd be weird to have a superhero show up in the HAUNT world, for the most part.

3.) Will MarineMan be included in this "universe"?

No. But buy that book regardless, it's la bomba (trying not to use 'awesome,' either).

We'll just have to see. Maybe if there's ever an INVINCIBLE/MARINE MAN one-shot that will be your answer.

Well, I tried.

John Lacorazza

I tried, too.

Dear Sina,
Things are really coming together, eh? I mean, none of the villains on the last page wore costumes really--not 'super-tights' or anything--but the heroes are really costumicized! Don't make 'em like that anymore, eh? Well, you guys do, but, nobody else

We're thug.

A relative 'Monster Squadron', the Guardi...the guys Guarding The Globe are some of my favorite characters now, kinda! But again--yet again--you gotta call em by name more. These characters are New, right? Mostly, anyway. They haven't been around since the '40s or the '60s, that's for sure. So they aren't as ingrained in our consciousnesses, etc, blah blah blah.... For example the 'Fleetfoot' girl I'm not sure of her name. The two black guys on the GTG team who are Not Kaboomerang? No idea. I don't even know their powers!! Are you saving that for like the Christmas issue, or...?

Still: What a great comic book experience.

For any new readers out there: this is the most gracious Andrew Shaw has been to a Skybound letters column in a long while! I'm just kidding, A.J. I hope that pages 18 and 19 of this issue helped you out with all of Set's crew of color-coordinated villains.

Sincerely,
Andrew J. Shaw

PS: Reread the letter's column to GTG #2, then reread some more! Dan "Kentucky" Benningfield is another one of your letter writers who's seen print, I guess, plenty

A.J., keep this up and I'll have to tell Chad to take a hike and hire you as my assistant.

Dear Sina Grace (no reason for me to cast any illusions),

Whoa! Well...

I've got a couple of questions that perhaps you could relay to the creators behind Guarding the Globe. Chiefly, and this might seem a bit premature since the line-up hasn't yet been finalized in the story, but how did they decide which characters to put on the team? Obviously some were necessary, some obvious, but I'm very curious nonetheless. It seems to me that there are some interesting aesthetic redundancies. For example, there is a LOT of orange and orangey-yellow in the colour scheme (by my count, 4 characters with this as a predominant costume colour... I mean, you could go for the whole X-men/Dynamo 5 concept of a team uniform, but this doesn't seem to be the case here), and there are 2 big hairy guys with similar skill sets (Kirkman and Cereno.....no, Wolf-man and Yeti). While I don't want this book to fall into any sort of formulaic team-book drivel (which it hasn't), it just seems to me that the roster could be streamlined a little bit more. What do you think? (besides that I am wrong).

I'm thinking about your writing an American publication and spelling color so Britishly! Truth be told: hold your horses. Half the fun of this book is watching the roster shape organically, and seeing the team come together. There will be no such thing as a redundancy by the time issue six rolls around.

I do applaud everyone involved in the book, though, since it's pretty fantastic. Great art from the undoubtedly badass Ransom Getty (P.I.!), gorgeous inking and colouring (seriously, if I could eat this art, if would taste like Swedish Berries), and some superb tag-team writing (it's like "some kind of simultaneous punch thing"). I can't wait for more.

Brendan, you have never been more wrong. This book tastes like a vegemite sandwich.

Hooray for the uncontainable poisonous leak!
Brendan Flaherty
Saskatoon, CANADA

Is that why I've been so queasy lately?

Kirkman-

Regarding Issue #2, page 5, panel 4.

"He just smiled and gave me a Viltrumite sandwich"

That is all.

Clay

Full circle + puns = me expiring. I just expired.

I thought I had at least another year with you! CRAP!

Okay, that's all the space we have for this issue.

Thanks again to Wolf-Man for stopping in. He should do that more often (and you should go buy the entire Astounding Wolf-Man series in trade paperback today, rumor has it that it's all done!).

We're well underway with issue four, so expect that in no time.
-Sina Grace

GUARDIAN GAGS

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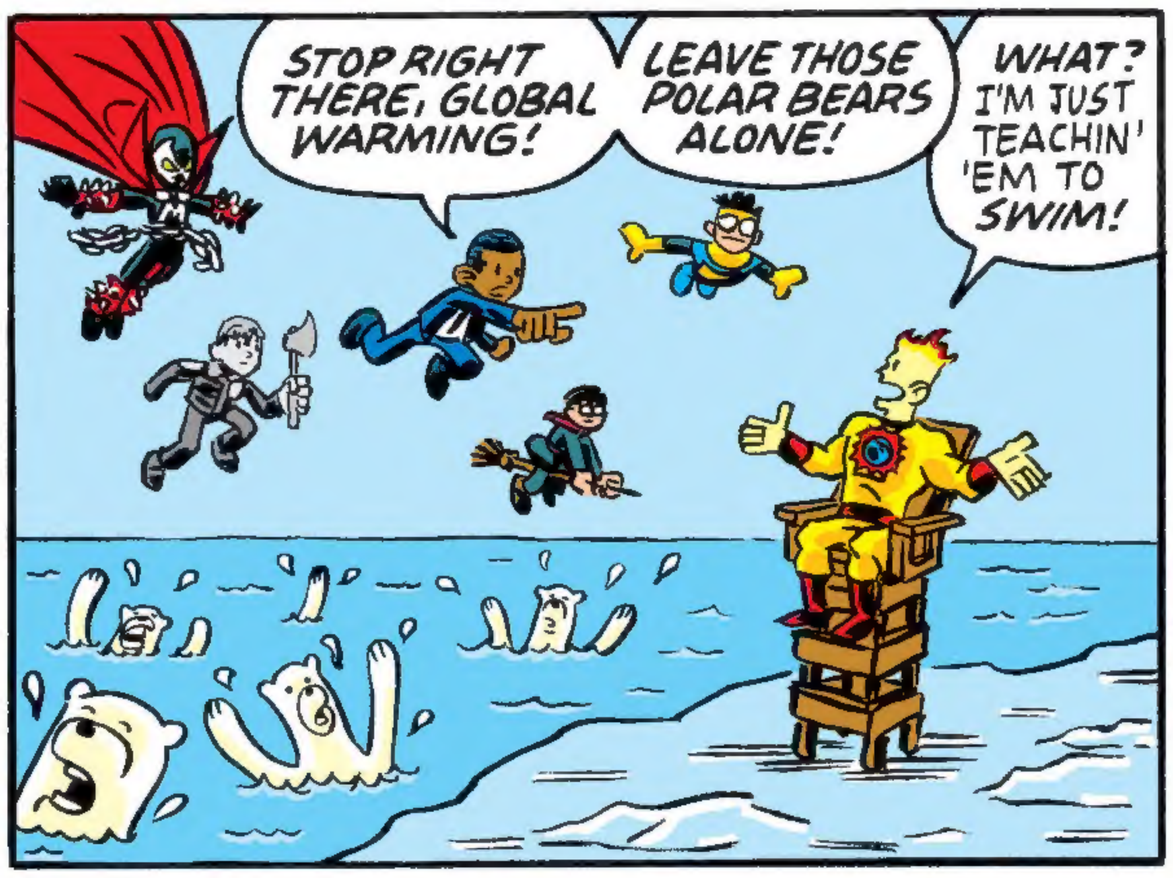
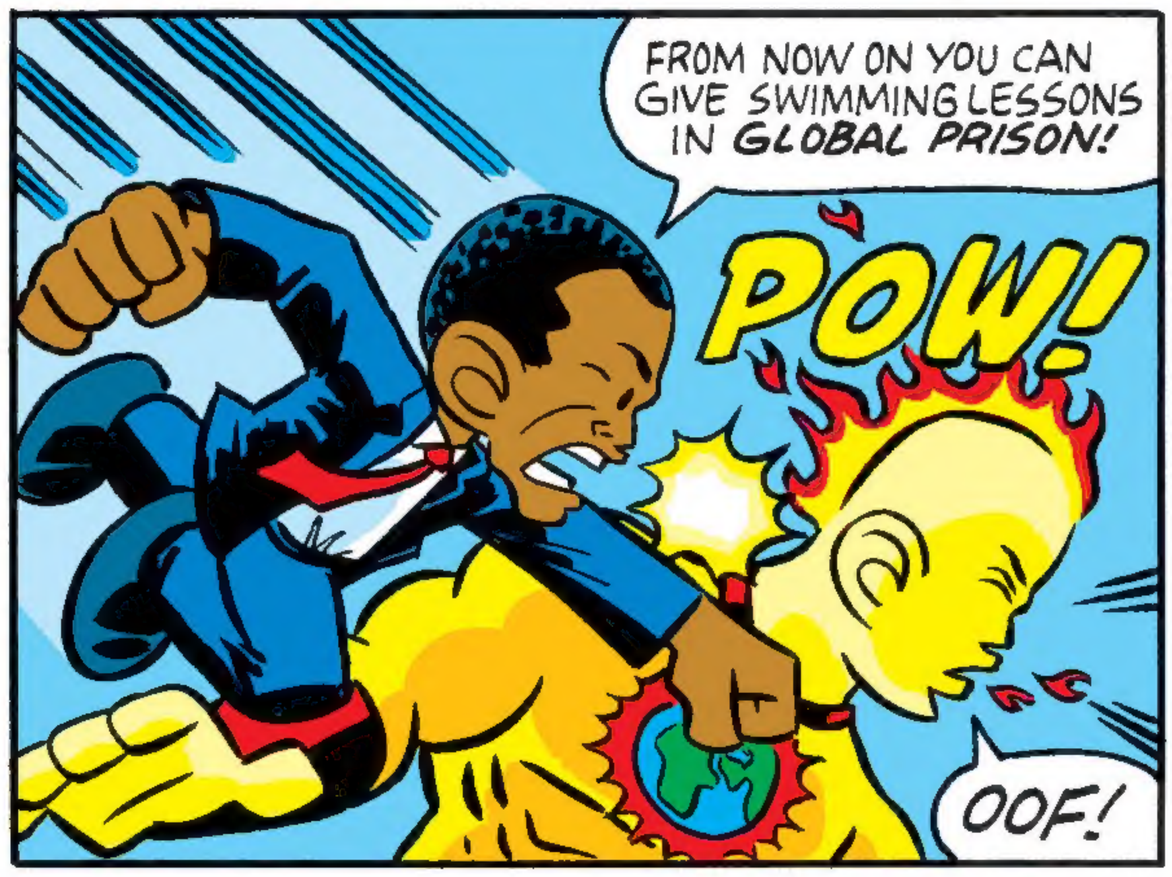
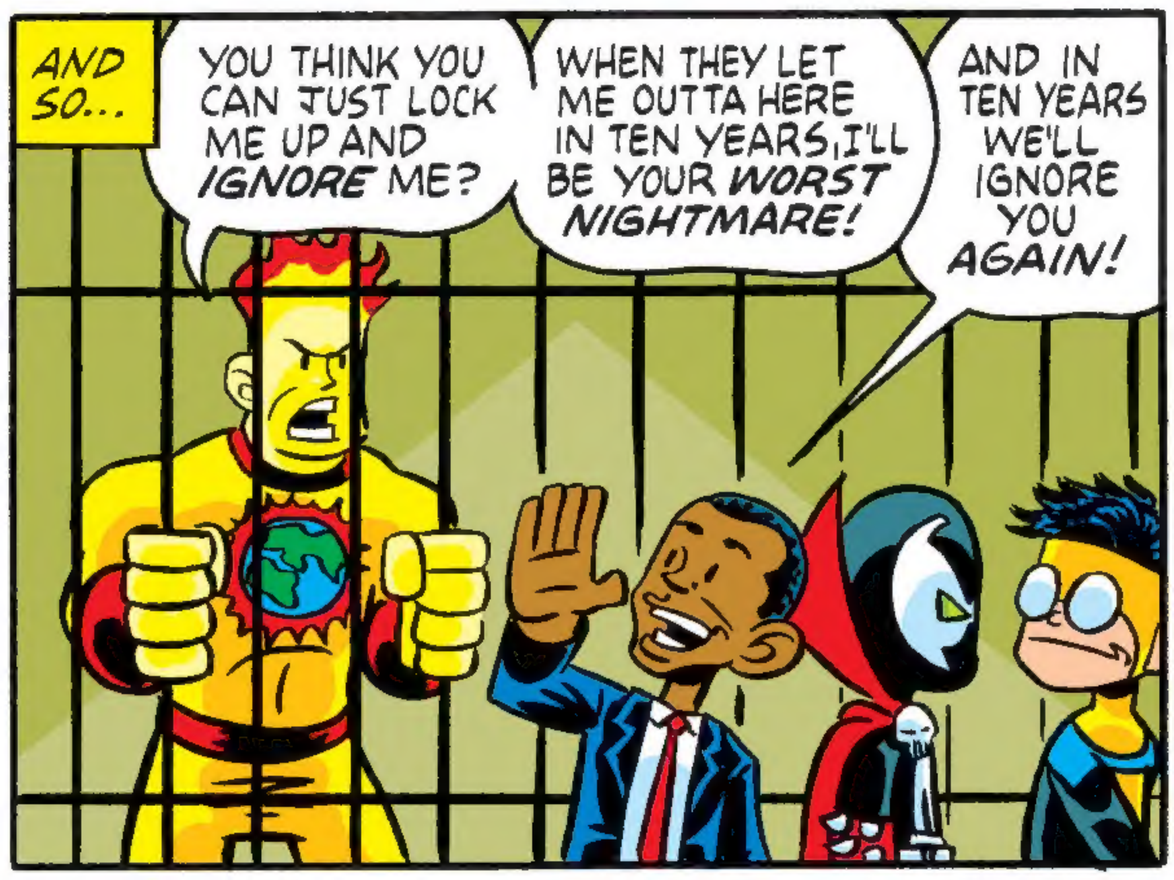
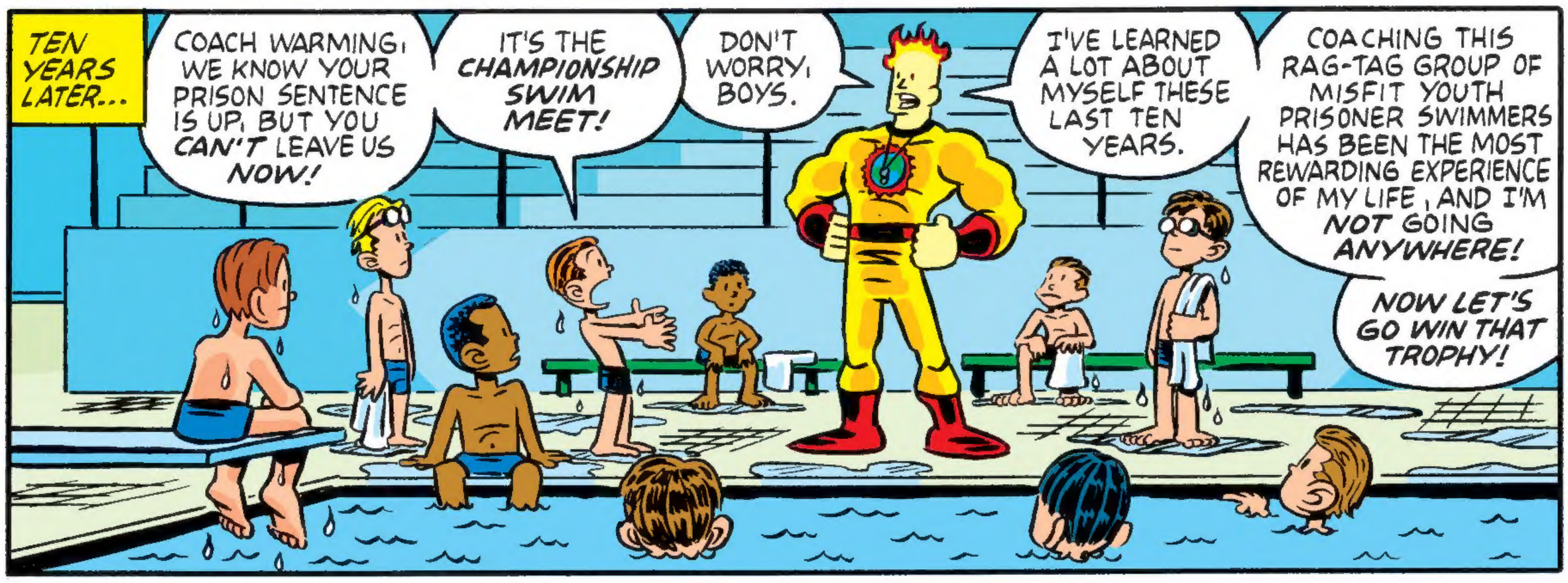
GUARDIANS C'MON AND LET'S GO JUMP INTO SOME ACTION RIGHT NOW!
I'LL NEVER TIRE OF HEARING THAT CLASSIC BATTLE CRY!
IT ALWAYS GIVES ME GOOSEBUMPS!






AND SO...
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST LOCK ME UP AND IGNORE ME?
WHEN THEY LET ME OUTTA HERE IN TEN YEARS, I'LL BE YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE!
AND IN TEN YEARS WE'LL IGNORE YOU AGAIN!


TEN YEARS LATER...
COACH WARMING, WE KNOW YOUR PRISON SENTENCE IS UP, BUT YOU CAN'T LEAVE US NOW!
IT'S THE CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM MEET!
DON'T WORRY, BOYS.
I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MYSELF THESE LAST TEN YEARS.
COACHING THIS RAG-TAG GROUP OF MISFIT YOUTH PRISONER SWIMMERS HAS BEEN THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE, AND I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
NOW LET'S GO WIN THAT TROPHY!

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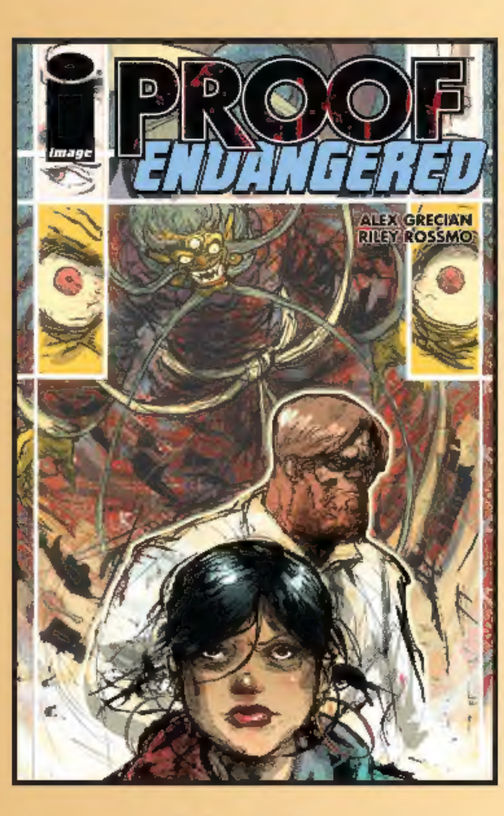

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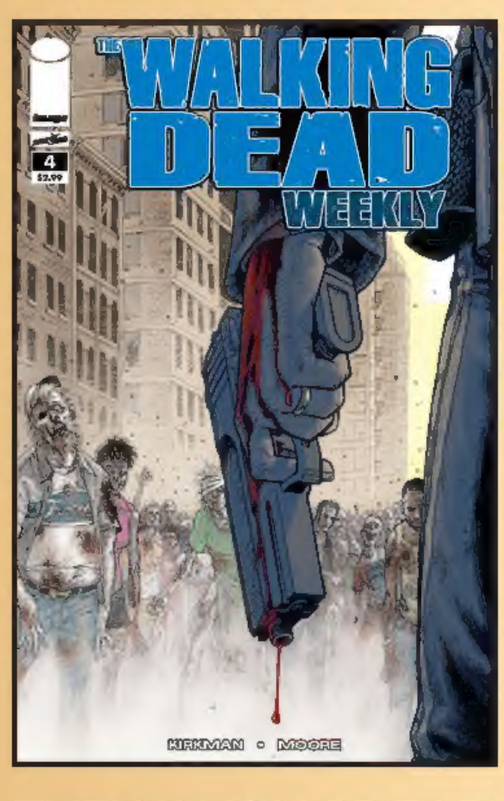

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